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July 16, 2004

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

We reviewed the financial information submitted by the Stanislaus Council of Governments (STANCOG) and find it sufficient to demonstrate financial constraint of their 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). STANCOG amended their 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP to reflect the changes necessary to financially constrain their FTIP. Therefore, with this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the updated financial constraint and the following Amendment of the STANCOG's 2002/03-2004/05 FTIP:

<u>No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
23	<b>Transit Elements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Adds or modifies various projects in various counties. The amendment includes projects with funding from the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program and the Regional Surface Transportation Program (RSTP).</li></ul>

I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve this updated financial constraint and the FTIP Amendment for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of this FTIP Amendment and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types that have been found by the STANCOG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. This FTIP Amendment is consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The STANCOG prepared the updated financial constraint and this FTIP Amendment under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chi TTenden", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHI TTENDEN  
Chief  
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Enclosures

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Gary Dickson - Stanislaus Council of Governments
- Vince Angelino - Stanislaus Council of Governments
- Muhaned Aljabiry - Caltrans
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans